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OF PHILADELPHIA  
FOR THE YEAR 1927



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# ANNUAL REPORT OF THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE FOR 1927.

MR. PRESIDENT: In accordance with the ordinances and By-Laws of the College, I herewith submit the following report of the Library Committee for the year 1927:

Total number of volumes in the Library, including the bound volumes and 22,662 unbound "Reports" and "Transactions"	154,293
Number of unbound "Theses" and "Dissertations"	29,081
Number of unbound Pamphlets	163,064
Manuscripts	431

Included in the above are 4365 volumes known as "Reserves," consisting of second copies of some of the more important periodical publications; also 2918 volumes more or less incomplete.

The duplicates, which number 3900 at this date, are not included in the above total.

The following table shows the number of volumes in the various divisions of the Library:

	Bound.	Incomplete and unbound.	Total.
General Library	110,753	2,871	113,624
Lewis Library	13,814	44	13,858
On permanent deposit:			
S. D. Gross Library	3,739	3	3,742
Library of the Obstetrical Society of Philadelphia	217	0	217
Mütter Museum*	190	0	190
			<hr/> 131,631

Received during the year from all sources, 5194 volumes, 7223 pamphlets and 9049 numbers of various periodicals.

Divided as follows:

	Volumes.	Pamphlets.	Journals.
General Library	3,826	7,053	8,252
Lewis Library	15		
S. D. Gross Library	18		
By purchase, General Account	537		
In exchange	798	170	797
	<hr/> 5,194	<hr/> 7,223	<hr/> 9,049

\* The books of the Mütter Museum are not permitted to be removed from the College building.

Accessions (including 60 volumes of "Reserves"), 3749.

	Volumes.
General Library . . . . .	3,715
Lewis Library . . . . .	16
S. D. Gross Library . . . . .	18
	<hr/> 3,749

Total increase in the number of volumes for the year: 3749.

Photographs received in response to requests sent out during the past year and voluntary gifts: Fellows of the College, 14; other than Fellows, 7.

Total number of portraits listed, 13,038.

The individual "Donors" for the year ending November 1, 1927, number 496; this represents 1089 distinct presentations. Each gift is duly acknowledged.

The following list shows individual gifts of twenty volumes and over; also the number of volumes presented by the various publishing houses:

	Volumes.
Mrs. John G. Clark . . . . .	576
Mrs. Henry R. Wharton . . . . .	300
Dr. Hunter W. McGuire . . . . .	209
Dr. George E. deSchweinitz . . . . .	129
Dr. Samuel W. Morton . . . . .	124
Dr. Augustus A. Eshner . . . . .	98
Dr. Wilmon W. Leach . . . . .	87
Dr. George M. Piersol . . . . .	74
Dr. Francis X. Dercum . . . . .	67
Dr. O. H. Perry Pepper . . . . .	41
Dr. W. W. Keen . . . . .	30
Dr. Hobart A. Hare . . . . .	28
Dr. Edward W. Watson . . . . .	26
United States Government . . . . .	24
Dr. Barton Cooke Hirst . . . . .	21
Dr. Edward B. Krumbhaar . . . . .	21

From the publishing houses of:

	Volumes.
P. Blakiston's Son & Co. . . . .	24
F. A. Davis Company . . . . .	15
Lea & Febiger . . . . .	20
J. B. Lippincott Company . . . . .	21
W. B. Saunders Company . . . . .	49

The Library is indebted for large gifts of pamphlets and unbound periodicals to the following donors:

Dr. H. B. Allyn	Dr. E. B. Krumbhaar
Dr. A. P. C. Ashhurst	Dr. Joseph Leidy
P. Blakiston's Son & Co.	Dr. G. M. Marshall
Dr. Charles W. Burr	Dr. Edward Martin
Dr. Burton Chance	Dr. Charles K. Mills
Chicago Department of Health	National Tuberculosis Association
Dr. Francis X. Dercum	New York State Department of Health
Dr. W. A. N. Dorland	Philippine Health Service
Dr. G. M. Dorrance	Dr. David Riesman
Dr. A. A. Eshner	Rockefeller Institute and Foundation
Dr. C. B. Farr	Dr. E. C. Russell
Dr. J. C. Gittings	Dr. G. E. deSchweinitz
Dr. R. M. Goepf	Dr. W. J. Taylor
Dr. J. P. C. Griffith	United States Public Health Service
Dr. S. McC. Hamill	Dr. Joseph Walsh
Dr. Hobart A. Hare	Dr. J. C. Wilson
Dr. A. B. Hirsh	Dr. W. Zentmayer
Mr. Paul B. Hoeber	
Dr. R. J. Hunter	
Dr. C. F. Judson	
Dr. W. W. Keen	

844 new publications were added to the Library during the past year; viz.: United States, 318; Great Britain and Colonies, 193; France, 94; Germany, 215; Italy, 4; all other countries, 20. Of these new publications, 40 were written or edited by Fellows of the College.

26 volumes were presented by the following authors or editors:

Dr. A. P. C. Ashhurst	Dr. Raphael Isaacs
Dr. Joseph Brassinne	Dr. Edward Jackson (Editor)
Drs. P. K. Brown, W. B. Coffey,	Dr. Franklin H. Martin
J. D. Humber	Dr. Frederick P. Millard
Dr. D. Bryson Delavan	Drs. Henry K. Pancoast and Eugene P. Pendergrass
Dr. Theodore Diller	Drs. P. S. Pelouze and F. S. Schofield
Dr. W. A. N. Dorland	Mr. Seymour de Ricci
Dr. Wells P. Eagleton	Dr. David Riesman
Dr. Eldridge L. Eliason	Sir Edward A. Sharpey-Schäfer
Dr. Emile Fergue	Dr. Thomas H. Shastid
Dr. Hobart A. Hare (Editor)	Dr. Edgar Fahs Smith
Dr. Henry R. Harrower	
Miss Mary L. Hicks	

2 volumes were sent by the publishers at the request of the following authors or editors:

Dr. A. P. C. Ashhurst	Dr. Ralph W. Webster
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## Summary of the "Funds:"

	Volumes purchased.	Cost.
Henrietta Rush Fales Baker Fund . . . . .	57	\$242.02
Luther S. Bent Fund . . . . .	21	49.48
William T. Carter Fund . . . . .	44	200.19
Gerardus Clarkson Fund . . . . .	10	20.66
Francis X. Dercum Fund . . . . .	55	213.70
Louis A. Duhring Fund . . . . .	69	567.60
John D. Griscom Fund . . . . .	118	278.67
Richard H. Harte Fund . . . . .	6	63.73
Charles T. Hunter Fund . . . . .	4	17.56
William F. Jenks Fund . . . . .	94	372.53
Oliver A. Judson Fund . . . . .	13	64.39
William V. and John M. Keating Fund . . . . .	15	51.79
William W. Keen Fund . . . . .	63	299.03
Library Endowment Fund . . . . .	186	912.69
Horace Magee Memorial Fund . . . . .	181	926.96
J. Ewing Mears Fund . . . . .	58	373.88
Charles K. Mills Fund . . . . .	...	.....
Weir Mitchell Fund . . . . .	51	324.69
E. E. Montgomery Fund . . . . .	31	217.37
John H. Musser Fund . . . . .	10	13.74
Elizabeth K. Newcomet Fund . . . . .	21	68.95
William F. Norris Fund . . . . .	33	158.58
Charles A. Oliver Fund . . . . .	7	57.66
Philadelphia Medical Society Fund . . . . .	7	33.73
Lewis Rodman Fund . . . . .	48	238.44
Douglas Stockton Warren Fund . . . . .	38	133.89
John F. Weightman Fund . . . . .	18	39.81
J. William White Fund . . . . .	26	225.82
Caspar Wistar Fund . . . . .	72	257.19
	1,356	\$6,424.75

## Special accounts:

	Volumes purchased.	Cost.
Fund for completing files of journals . . . . .	79	\$429.21
Fund for rare and valuable books . . . . .	39	479.59
S. D. Gross Library Account . . . . .	14	149.83
From the General Account—by purchase . . . . .	537	3,241.65

	Expended.
Catalogue Endowment Fund—on account of salaries . . . . .	\$46.50
Louis A. Duhring Fund—general purposes of the Library . . . . .	12,331.12
Morris Longstreth Library Fund—on account of salaries . . . . .	1,107.00
George B. Wood Fund—Library supplies, stationery, etc. . . . .	369.23



Number of volumes bound, 2601.

	Visitors.	Fellows.	Total.
Use of the Library . . . . .	5,850	1,511	7,361

The Library has been kept open two evenings each week and on the five minor legal holidays for the same period of time as during the previous year:

Evenings.	Visitors.	Fellows.	Total.
75 . . . . .	854	134	988
Legal holidays.	Visitors.	Fellows.	Total.
5 . . . . .	77	18	95

These figures are included in the total given for the year.

	1927.	1926.	Decrease.
Number of volumes consulted in the Library . . . . .	25,363	29,862	4,499

The number of books "consulted in the Library" includes only those supplied on demand. Readers have access to the bound volumes of periodicals and works of reference kept on the shelves in the Reading Room, and the Fellows of the College have access to the Book Stacks. There are, therefore, many volumes consulted of which no accurate record can be kept.

	1927.	1926.	Increase.
Number of volumes taken out: . . . . .	4,449	3,559	890

Use of Study Rooms: Average number of rooms in use throughout the year, 6. Greatest number in use at one time, 10. Daily average of the number of volumes in use in these rooms, 150.

	Works.	Volumes.	Cards written.	Printed cards revised.
Cataloguing . . . . .	1,024	1,050	3,887	1,991

All books added to the shelves during the past year and 181 of the more important pamphlets have been catalogued and shelf-listed; and all bound volumes, including periodicals, transactions and reports, have been accessioned.

Revision of the Catalogue: 6177 cards have been revised, rewritten and filed.

1929 unbound pamphlets and reprints have been subject-headed and arranged alphabetically by subject and author under the

subject. 5733 pamphlets and reprints have been bound in 297 volumes; one subject or division of a subject to a volume. Each volume has a table of contents arranged alphabetically by author. A catalogue card will be filed under each author's name, and one subject card for each volume.

We have listed November 1, 1927, 1325 current periodical publications including "Transactions" and "Reports," obtained through the following sources:

	American.	Foreign.
Endowment Funds . . . . .	86	359
By purchase from General Account . . . .	39	190
In exchange . . . . .	68	136
Editors . . . . .	91	28
Publishers . . . . .	82	21
Through the courtesy of the Editor of the <i>Therapeutic Gazette</i> , current numbers are received at stated intervals . . . . .	42	43
	408	777
Reports, not included in the above . . . .	112	28
	520	805

The actual number of periodicals received during the year, including new subscriptions (2 American, 12 foreign) total 1185.

The following is a list of the foreign schools of medicine with which we exchange publications at the present time:

University of Amsterdam	University of Königsberg
" Basel	" Lausanne
" Berlin	" Leiden
" Bonn	" Leipzig
" Breslau	" Liège
" Erlangen	" Lund
" Geneva	" Marburg
" Giessen	" Rostock
" Göttingen	" Strassburg
" Halle	" Upsala
" Heidelberg	" Würzburg
Faculty of Medicine of Paris	Faculty of Medicine of Toulouse

During the past year we have heard from Amsterdam, Berlin, Bern, Breslau, Erlangen, Giessen, Göttingen, Halle, Heidelberg, Kiel, Königsberg, Leipzig, Liège, Lund, Marburg, Paris and Utrecht.

1537 dissertations and 1147 theses have been added to our collection.

We have received in cash from the sale of duplicates for the current year ending November 1, 1927, \$103.00.

We have distributed books and journals on exchange account to the following:

Boston Medical Library  
New York Academy of Medicine

We have received exchanges from:

Boston Medical Library  
Medical Library Association  
College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York

With the aid received from exchanges and purchases made with funds appropriated by the Library Committee we have been able to complete the files of the following journals:

Archiv für klinische Chirurgie, Berlin  
Arte Medica, Milano  
Braithwaite's Retrospect of Medicine, London  
Deutsche Zeitschrift für Thiermedizin und vergleichende Pathologie,  
Leipzig  
Zodiacus Medico-Gallicus, Genevae

Amount of fines collected for the current year ending November 1, 1927, \$87.75.

List of rare medical books and works of special interest received during the year (these rare books have been acquired without in any way interfering with the purchase of current medical publications):

#### INCUNABULA

(Total number of incunabula at this date, 376 Titles, 360 volumes.)

Auctoritates Aristotelis.\*\*\* Propositiones Aristotelis. [Venetiis, circa 1490-1495.]

Presented by Mr. Wilfrid M. Voynich.

Gratia dei Esculanus s. Asculanus, Ordin. Praedic. Commentaria in artem veterem Aristotelis. Venetiis, Octavianus Scotus per Bonetum Locatellum, Presbyter Bergomensis, 1491. [Hain 7874.]

Fund for Rare Books.



Purliliarum, Iacobus Comes. [De generosa liberorum educatione.] Tarvisii, Gerardus de Lisa de Flandria, 1492.

Presented by Edward B. Krumbhaar, M.D.

de Saliceto, Guilielmus Medic. Placent. [De salute corporis cum Iohannis de Turrecremata tractatu de salute animae.] Lipsiae, Arnoldus de Colonia, 1495. [Hain \*14152.]

[Bound with a leaf from an old German book.]

Fund for Rare Books.

Salis s. Trouamala, Baptista de. Summa casuum conscientiae dicta Rosella seu Baptistiana. Venetiis, Georgius de Rivabenius, Arrivabenus Mantuanus, 1495. [Hain 14183.]

Fund for Rare Books.

Seneca, L. Annaeus. Opera philo[sophica] et epistolae. Venetiis, Bernardino de Choris, Cremonensis, 1492. [Hain-Cop. \*14594.]

Fund for Rare Books.

Theobaldus Episcopus. [Physiologus de naturis duodecim animalium.] Coloniae, Henricus Quentell Coloniensis [circa 1490]. [Hain-Cop. \*15471.]

*Photostat copy only (through the courtesy of Mr. Wilfrid M. Voynich).*

Photostat Fund.

#### *Works of Special Interest*

Belloste [Augustin]. Le chirurgien d'hôpital.\*\*\* Paris, Chez Laurent d'Houry, 1696.

Fund for Rare Books.

Berrettinus, Petrus. Tabulae anatomicae, a Gajetano Petriolo Romano. Notis illustratae. Romae, Ex. typ. Antonii de Rubeis apud Pantheon in via Seminarii Romani, 1741.

Fund for Rare Books.

Borelli, Giovanni Alfonso. De vi percussiois liber.\*\*\* Bononiae, ex tip. Iacobi Montij, 1667.

Fund for Rare Books.

Browne, Sir Thomas. Pseudodoxia epidemica; or, enquiries into very many received tenents, and commonly presumed truths. With marginal observations.\*\*\* 5 ed. London, Printed for the assigns of Edward Dod, 1669.

Fund for Rare Books.

[Browne, Sir Thomas.] Religio medici, with annotations never before published, upon all the obscure passages therein, also, observations by Sir Kenelm Digby, now newly added. 5 ed. London, Milbourn, 1659.

Fund for Rare Books.

Debates in Parliament respecting the Jennerian discovery, including the late debate on the further grant of twenty thousand pounds to Dr. Jenner. Together with the report of the Royal college of physicians of London on the vaccine inoculation. With introductory remarks, by Charles Murray. London, Phillips, 1808.

Fund for Rare Books.

Delphinus, Julius. In III Galeni artis medicinalibus lib. explanatio.\*\*\* Venetiis, Camotius, 1557.

Fund for Rare Books.

Deschamps, l'Abbé. Cours élémentaire d'éducation des sourds et muets. Paris, Debure, 1779.

Fund for Rare Books.

de Diemberbroeck, Isbrandus. Opera omnia, anatomica et medic.\*\*\* Nunc simul collecta, et diligenter recognita per Timannum de Diemberbroeck, Isb. fil. 2 ed. Patauij, ex typographia Petri Mariae Frambotti, 1688.  
[Engraved title page.]

Fund for Rare Books.

Dissertationum Ivdicarum et amoenitatvm. Scriptores varij. Editio nova. Lvgd. Batavor., apud Franciscum Hegerum, 1644.

Fund for Rare Books.

Dullaart, J[an]. Alexander de Medicis, 't bedrooge betrouwen. Treurspel. In Duitsche vaarzen gestelt door. t'Amsterdam, Bouman, 1663.

Fund for Rare Books.

Fialetti, Odoardo. Il uero modo et ordine per dissegнар tutte le parti et membra del corpo humano. Venetia, Sadeler, 1608.

Fund for Rare Books.

Fuchs, Leonhard. De sanandis totius humani corporis malis. London, apud Ioannem Frellonium, 1547.

In Exchange.

[Gibson, E.] Causes of the discontent in relation to the plague. London, Roberts, 1721.

Fund for Rare Books.

History of the damnable life and deserved death of Doctor John Faustus 1592, together with the second report of Faustus containing his appearance and the deeds of Wagner, both modernized and edited by William Rose.\*\*\* London, Routledge, 1925.

Fund for Rare Books.

Ibn Djezla, Abul Hassan Ali ben Issa. Taqwim al Abdan. Damaseus, Rashid Pasha, Wakil of Ibn Rashid, Amir of Jauf, 1333.  
[Reproduced from original manuscript, 1927.]

Fund for Rare Books.

Illingworth, J. A. Just narrative, or, account of the man whose hands and legs rotted off; in the parish of Kings-Swinford, in Staffordshire, where he died, June 21, 1677.\*\*\* London, Browne, 1678.

Fund for Rare Books.

Jamblichus. De mysteriis Aegyptiorum, Chaldaeorum, Assyiorum. Lvgdvni, apud Ioan. Tornaestum, 1649.

Fund for Rare Books.

Maynwarding, Everard. Praxis medicorum antiqva et nova; the ancient and modern practice of physick examined, stated, and compared.\*\*\* London, Printed by J. M. and are to be sold by T. Archer, 1671.

Fund for Rare Books.

Mesue Damascenus, Joannes. Canones universales.\*\*\* Lugd[uni], Antonius du Ry, impensis J. and F. de Giunta, 1531.

*This little medical handbook enjoyed great popularity from the later XVth century until the latter half of the XVIth century. This edition of it is rare.*

Fund for Rare Books.

The notorious impostor, or the history of the life of William Morrell, alias Bowyer.\*\*\* Sometime of Banbury, chirurgeon. London, Roper, 1692.

Fund for Rare Books.

[Poole, Robert.] A physical vade mecum; or, fifth gift. Wherein is contain'd the dispensatory of St. Thomas's hospital, with a catalogue of diseases, and the method of their cure prescrib'd in the said hospital.\*\*\* London, Printed for, and sold by E. Duncomb, in Duck-Lane, Little Britain, 1741.

Fund for Rare Books.

Rabelais, François. Les oeuvres. 2 volumes in 1. [Amsterdam, Elsevier] 1666.

Fund for Rare Books.

Redi, Francesco. Opere. Edizione Veneta seconda ricorretta. 6 volumes. Venezia, appresso gl'Eredi Hertz, 1728-1742.

Fund for Rare Books.

Riverius, Lazarus. Institvtiones medicae, in quinque libros distinctae quibus totidem medicinae partes, physiologia, pathologia, semeiotice, hygiene, et therapeutice dilucidè explicantur.\*\*\* Lvgdvni, Cellier, 1656.

Fund for Rare Books.

Rolfinck, Werner. Ordo et methodus medicinae specialis commentatoriae, \*\*\* dolorem capitia, ad normam veterum et novorum dogmatum proposita.\*\*\* Jenae, Johannes Nisius, 1671.

Fund for Rare Books.



Vegetius Renatus, Publicus. *Artis veterinariae*. Basileae [Emmeus, 1528].  
*First printed book on veterinary medicine. Very rare edition.*

Fund for Rare Books.

Wedel, Georg Wolfgang. *Opiologia*. Jenae, Sumptibus Johannis Bielkii  
 Bibliop. typ. Viduae Samuelis Krebsii, 1682.

Fund for Rare Books.

Zorn, Bartholomaeus. *Theses medicae. De venaesectionis necessitate*.\*\*\*  
 Altdorfi, e typ. Acad. Hagenianâ, 1661.

Fund for Rare Books.

### *Manuscripts*

Darrach, William. Sec'y. Medical Prayer-Meeting, Committee on prisons.  
 Report. [Phila.] 1828.

Presented by Herbert Fox, M.D.

de Novellino [Philippus]. *Institutiones medicinae, sive fundamenta mae-  
 canicis (sic) legibus innixa*. Naples, 1729.

Fund for Rare Books.

### *Other Interesting Additions*

Holograph "Directions for the Treatment of Ague and Fever" written by  
 A. C. Logan, Stenton, October 10, 1813.

Presented by Burton Chance, M.D.

A Gavel given to the late Doctor John G. Clark by the Medical Club of  
 Philadelphia.

Presented by Mrs. John G. Clark.

Four diplomas of William Wood Gerhard, M.D., from the American Philo-  
 sophical Society (two); Dickinson College and the University of Penn-  
 sylvania.

Presented by Miss Anne Gerhard Maris.

We have also received during the past year a number of interesting  
 and more or less valuable autograph letters.

Use of the Photostat: During the past year there have been  
 furnished to Fellows of the College 300 prints, and to other than  
 Fellows, on application, 162 prints. These outside applications  
 include requests from Atlanta, Georgia; Boston; Cleveland; Mont-  
 gomery, Alabama; New York; Omaha, Nebraska; Philadelphia;  
 and Rochester, Minnesota.

The work for the Library has been continued as heretofore according to the instructions of the Library Committee. 3548 large and small prints have been made; 14 volumes of incunabula completed as well as various portraits and manuscripts.

Up to the present time there have been made photostat reproductions of 254 incunabula.

There has been an increase to the principal of the Library Endowment Funds through change in investments during the past year as follows: Louis A. Duhring Fund, \$2820.57; Oliver A. Judson Fund, \$139.91; William W. Keen Fund, \$429.56; J. Ewing Mears Fund, \$290.44; John H. Musser Fund, \$18.59; Caspar Wistar Fund, \$139.91 and the George B. Wood Fund, \$121.53. A complete list of all the Funds and the expenditures for the year is given in a previous part of this report. All additional expenses, salaries, binding, etc., have to governed according to the funds appropriated by the College to the Library Committee annually.

The rearrangement of periodicals, reports and transactions in the Stacks into one alphabetical arrangement, instead of by countries, has been completed; this work was necessarily slow and required great care so as not to interfere with the use of the Library.

The figures reported show that the affairs of the Library have progressed in a satisfactory manner; in the number of new publications received as well as the receipt of a number of valuable curios; in the use of the Library and the number of books taken out; the amount of binding completed, and the completion of the rearrangement of the entire contents of the Book Stack. The catalogue and revision of the catalogue has advanced and 5733 pamphlets and reprints have been bound in 297 volumes; a single subject to the volume.

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